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Ispahan Capitale du Royaume de Perse

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Date: 1725
Place: Leiden
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Size: 14 x 11.5 inches
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Description:

Striking view of Ispahan (Isfahan), then the Capital of the Kingdom of Persia.

Vander Aa's view shows Isfahan at the end of its greatest era.

Isfahan is located on the main north-south and east-west routes crossing Iran, and was once one of the largest cities in the world. It flourished from 1050 to 1722, particularly in the 16th century under the Safavid dynasty, when it became the capital of Persia for the second time in its history.

In the 17th and early 18th Century, Isfahan was very famous in Europe, and many European travellers made an account of their visit to the city. This lasted until the city was sacked by Afghan invaders in 1722, during the Safavids heavy decline. Isfahan declined once more, and the capital was subsequently moved to Mashhad and Shiraz, during the Afsharid and Zand periods respectively, until the capital was finally settled in Tehran in 1775 by Agha Mohammad Khan, the founder of the Qajar dynasty.

Isfahan is famous for its Persian-Islamic architecture, with many beautiful boulevards, covered bridges, palaces, mosques, and minarets. This led to the Persian proverb "Esfahān nesf-e- jahān ast" (Isfahan is half of the world).

Detailed Condition: